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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLETES OCTOBER 9 INTERPELLATION  
SESSION

REF: SEOUL 6704

1. DURING OCTOBER 9 AFTERNOON NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION  
PRIME MINISTER KIM JONG-PIL SAID ROKG HAS NO INTENTION OF  
AMENDING CONSTITUTION. HE STRESSED THAT YUSHIN (REVITALIZING  
REFORMS) SYSTEM UNDER PRESENT CONSTITUTION IS ONLY STRUCTURE  
CAPABLE OF MEETING NORTH KOREAN THREAT. RESPONDING TO NDP  
ASSEMBLYMAN CHONG UN-KAP'S QUESTION, PRIME MINISTER NOTED  
EMERGENCY MEASURES COULD BE RE-IMPOSED IF "ACTS ARE  
DESIGNED OR COMMITTED AGAIN TO CAUSE SOCIAL TURBULENCE,  
SUBVERSION OF STATE OR SPLIT IN NATIONAL CONSENSUS  
THREATENING LIFE OF PEOPLE."

2. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF ROKG PROMOTING  
RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND NORTH KOREA, PRIME MINISTER  
SAID IT WAS NOT TIME TO TALK ABOUT SUCH RELATIONSHIPS  
AND THAT U.S. WOULD NEVER DO WHAT ROKG DOES NOT LIKE WITH  
REGARD TO NORTH KOREA. IN REFERENCE TO RUMOR THAT AMNESTY  
MAY BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE CONVICTED UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURES,  
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KIM TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO REFUTE "AS GROUNDLESS" REPORT THAT

"CONDITIONS WERE WORKED OUT BETWEEN SEOUL AND WASHINGTON TO  
PAVE WAY FOR VISIT OF PRESIDENT FORD."

3. PRIME MINISTER ALSO COMMENTED ON REPORTED U.S. MOVE TO  
CUT MILITARY AID TO KOREA, NOTING U.S. HAS PROMISED ITS  
FULL SUPPORT FOR REALIZATION OF MODERNIZATION PROGRAM FOR  
ROK ARMED FORCES WHILE MAINTAINING ITS CURRENT FORCE LEVEL IN  
ACCORD WITH MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY. HE DENIED ALLEGATION  
THAT REDUCTION OF U.S. MILITARY AID WAS LINKED TO INTERNAL  
SITUATION IN KOREA.

4. ACCORDING TO PRESS, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL CONTINUE  
QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION ON FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL  
SECURITY MATTERS ON OCTOBER 10 AFTER ONE DAY RECESS. ECONOMIC  
MATTERS WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED AT THAT TIME.

5. COMMENT: PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS ON YUSHIN  
CONSTITUTION AND EMERGENCY MEASURES ARE IN KEEPING WITH  
HARD LINE TONE SET BY PRESIDENT PARK IN HIS ARMED FORCES  
DAY SPEECH. BLUE HOUSE SOURCES HAD EARLIER INDICATED THAT  
PRIME MINISTER WOULD TAKE SOME OCCASION DURING  
INTERPELLATION TO REBUT PRESS STORIES THAT ROKG HAD  
AGREED TO CLEMENCY FOR PRISONERS AS CONDITION TO PRESIDENT  
FORD'S VISIT. PRIME MINISTER'S COMMENT ON THIS GIVEN VERY  
LIMITED PRESS PLAY.  
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